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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 3, *Prins*, Danish steamer, 397, Chas. A. Lund, Holbow 2nd April, General—ARMFIELD, KARBERG & CO.

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April 4, *CHATHAM*, British steamer, 1574, H. Peace, Antwerp and Haiphong 1st April, General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

April 3, *GREYHOUND*, British steamer, 227, G. Wright, Pakhoi 3rd March, and Holbow 2nd April, General—ARMFIELD, BELL & CO.

April 4, *MERITA*, German steamer, 339, H. J. March, Bangkok 26th March, General—CHINESE.

CLEARANCES.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 4th April.

Port Augusta, British str., for Saigon.

Verapaz, British str., for Saigon.

Antonio, British str., for Shanghai.

Meric, German str., for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES.

April 3, HATTIN H. HANG, Amer. 3m. sch., for Honolulu.

April 4, AMY, British str., for Shanghai.

April 4, YANGTSE, French str., for Shanghai.

April 4, GLENLYON, British str., for London.

April 4, TANAI, French str., for Japan.

PASSENGERS.

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TELEPHONE NO. 12.

BIRTHS.
At Chefoo, on the 13th March, the wife of J. G. BYRNE, 1. M. Captain, of a son, A. M. BYRNE, on 12th March, 1887, the wife of A. M. BYRNE, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 24th March, 1887, at H. B. M.'s Consulate-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges M. A., William H. C. Hodges, 1. M. Captain, of the Royal Engineers, and his daughter, Mrs. Hodges, daughter of John F. Hodges, Esq., of Shanghai.

DEATH.

At his residence, Shanghai, at 8 a.m. on the 20th March, 1887, Robert HENRY WOODS, aged 42.

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to suppress any future insurrections in that country? If France offers, England has only to continue her occupation.

The works for the 1889 Exhibition are progressing fairly, and are confined to cutting foundations and draining the building site. The Eiffel Tower begins to impress the spectator with its height, judging from the marked off area for its base.

Respect for the departed demands the passing tribute of a sigh for the Carnaval. It has lived, and the succession is secured by another fully advertising processions, pushed to business insanity.

OPPIUM LEKIN.

The following correspondence has been handed to the N. C. Daily News for publication:

H. M. Consul-General.

Shanghai, 20th March, 1887.

SIR.—Referring to your letters of the 1st and 18th February, communicating to the Chinese in Peking, I have to inform the Commissioner of Customs at this port on the 31st January, I have the honour to transmit for you information a Dispatch I have received from His Excellency M. von Brandt, the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body at Peking.

You will perceive that the Ministers are of opinion that the explanatory notification recently issued under instructions from His Excellency, General Brandt, perfectly clear that in the collection of ton of opium imported before the 1st of February, there is no intention on the part of the Inspector-General of Customs to interfere with any claim to exemption from the tax which custom or practice may, previously to the above mentioned date, have extended to the drug within the limits of the Foreign Settlement.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

P. J. HUONES,
H. B. M.'s Consul-General and Senior Consul.

To J. G. Purdon Esq., Chairman, Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce.

[Copy.]

Peking, 16th March, 1887.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated February 14th, and to refer to the representation addressed to the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce to the Commissioner of Customs at this port on the subject of the Clause in the Notification from the Commissioners of Customs which is believed by the Chamber to conflict in principle with the Treaties and with the usages and regulations of the settlement.

I have laid your letter before my colleagues and they are all of my own opinion that the clause in question, of which an extract is enclosed, recently issued by the Inspector-General of Customs to the Commissioners of Customs at the open Ports will do away with any apprehensions which the General Chamber of Commerce and others may have hitherto entertained.

These instructions are intended to remove all possibility of misunderstanding with respect to the treatment of opium imported before the 1st of February, the date on which the new system for the taxation of opium came into force; and my colleagues and myself consider that they will insure to the opium in question as fair and equitable a treatment from the Chinese Government as the fiscal interests of the same, which, after all, are legitimate ones, will allow them to give to a commodity, which, neither by Treaty nor other arrangement, is entitled to any special treatment, another form of merchandise, imported into China, whether as regards its sale or conveyance into the interior of the country.

The instructions of which I have enclosed a copy, make it perfectly clear that in the collection of ton of opium imported before the 1st of February, there is an intention on the part of the Inspector-General of Customs to impose the treatment of opium on the tax, with any claim to exemption from the tax, which custom or practice may, previously to the above mentioned date, have extended to the drug within the limits of the foreign settlement.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

M. V. BRANDT.

To P. J. HUONES, Esq., H. B. M.'s Consul-General and Senior Consul, Shanghai.

[Copy.]

S.G. Chamber of Commerce,
Shanghai, 20th March, 1887.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20th instant, enclosing a dispatch from H. M. von Brandt, Doyen of the Diplomatic Body at Peking, referring to the Chamber's communication to you with regard to the notification issued by the Commissioners of Customs on the 31st January, last, at the collection of duty and taxes on opium, and stating that in the opinion of the Minister of Peking, the instructions, a copy of which was also enclosed, recently issued by the Inspector-General of Customs to the Commissioners of Customs at the open ports, will do away with any apprehension the Chamber may have entertained as to the meaning of the original notification.

Begging you to accept the thanks of the Committee of the Chamber for your action in this matter.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. G. PURDON, Chairman.

To P. J. HUONES, Esq., H. B. M.'s Consul-General and Senior Consul, Shanghai.

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders, at the third ordinary general meeting, to be held in the Exchange Rooms, Singapore, on the 5th inst.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Guarantees.—Your directors have the pleasure to lay before you the annual statement of account for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1886, and to request you to vote on the steady progress of the company.

At an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders, held on the 2nd of July last, a special resolution was passed, authorising the undertaking of marine business in addition to fire and an increase of the capital by a further \$200,000 on the issue of 20,000 new shares. Your directors have the pleasure to inform you that to put up \$600 shares on the market, and this being done Marine Insurance was commenced on the 15th day of November last, and has been steadily increasing ever since.

The fire business of the company has been satisfactorily taken into consideration the rate of rates that have been, and is still going on.

The following is the rate of fire for the year ending 31st December, 1886, sum being reinsurance and exchange to \$6,037.84 and the interest earned amounts to \$32,232.56.

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Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized to sign our Firm per procuratum from this date.

STEIMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong & China, 14th February, 1887.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY.

UNDER special arrangement, the Underwriters will transfer the AGENCY of the CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO. at this Port to Mr. R. M. BROWN on the 1st of March next.

WILSON & Co., Agents.

Tientsin, 26th February, 1887.

REFERRING to the above, the Underwriter requests that on and after the 1st of March next all communications regarding KAIPING COAL be addressed to him.

R. M. BROWN.

Address: R. M. BROWN,
Care of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.,
Tientsin.

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"BEACONSFIELD" at present occupied by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Possession from 1st May.

Apply to BELLIOT & Co.,
or to SHARP & Co.,
Estate Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1887.

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TO BE LET.

TWO COMMODIOUS RESIDENCES

No. 2 & 5, High Street. Monthly rents

350 each. With Immediate Possession.

Apply to CHING CHEONG,
Cigar Store,

Next to Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1887.

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TO BE LET.

WITH EARLY POSSESSION.

THE WEST CORNER HOUSE No. 1, ALBANY TERRACE, 6 ROOMS, GARDEN, WATER AND GAS.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1887.

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OFFICES TO BE LET.

A No. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

WITH COMPTAINE'S ROOMS and entrance

in STANLEY STREET.

Apply to HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1887.

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TO BE LET.

FURNISHED.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1887.

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NOTICE.

IN consequence of MR. ROBERT HOWIE

and MR. RONALD GREGG leaving

China they will no longer sign our Firm per

procuratum.

We have THIS AUTHORIZED MR. GEORGE DIXWELL PEARSON and MR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND to sign our Firm per pro-

curatum at Canton and Macao.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, 1st April, 1887.

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NOTICE.

MESSRS. HENRY PRINGLE TENNANT, WILLIAM HOMPER FULLER, DARBY, and BEN DYE'S LAYTON were admitted PARTNERS in our Firm in China and Hongkong on the 1st January, 1887.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1887.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1887.

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NOTICE.

THE OFFICES on the 1st Floor of No. 43, Queen's Road Central, at present in the occupation of the Undersigned.

Apply to DENNYS & MOSSOP.

43, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1887.

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NOTICE.

THE OFFICES on the 1st Floor of No. 60, Queen's Road, opposite our Old Offices.

DENNYS & MOSSOP.

Solicitors & Notaries.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1887.

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NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED to the 1st FLOOR of No. 60, Queen's Road,

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NOTICE.

SECOND MAIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 5th, 1887.

THE HONGKONG MEMORIAL OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

When the Chinese residents, at their meeting held in the Tung-Wah Hospital on the 27th March, decided to have their own memorial of the Queen's Jubilee they really put an extinguisher on the projected Victoria Park. In his reply to the communication of the Joint Secretary of the Jubilee Committee, His Excellency the Acting Governor gave the *coup de grace* to the scheme. A meeting of the Committee has been called for the 5th April, at which we presume they will tender their resignation or decide to summon another public meeting of the British and foreign community to consider what other form the permanent memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee should take. The gentlemen who formed the preliminary Committee and prepared the resolutions proposed at the public meeting of the 2nd March, seem to us to have entirely failed in one important part of the duty they undertook—namely, to ascertain the views of the Chinese on the subject. It was most desirable that the Chinese co-operation should have been secured, both in order that unanimity should mark the celebration and that a substantial sum might be secured for a permanent memorial that should be worthy of the Colony and that would do honour to the illustrious Sovereign whose long and glorious reign it was to commemorate. Unfortunately, through the failure of the Committee to secure the approval of the Chinese for their scheme, all chance of unanimity of action has been lost. The Chinese did not want the Park, and they do want a Chamber of Commerce or Institute of their own, and they propose to do honour to Her Majesty in the same way as the British residents proposed to do it—secure something they desire and affix the Queen's name to it. No one has a right to quarrel with their decision, which from their point of view is a very sensible and reasonable one. They will, however, have to put their heads pretty deeply into their pockets to carry out their proposition, and this cannot of course be expected to contribute to the British memorial, however much the next decision of the British residents might bear with their wishes.

If another public meeting be called we hope the other numerous dissentients from the decision arrived at by the first meeting, will not fail to attend. There will on this occasion be no excuse of want of time for consideration, or want of notice. The matter has been well-considered, and as it turns out, without purpose. No doubt several schemes will be mooted, of which the most important are those for a statue of the Queen, a school for girls, or a contribution to the proposed Jubilee Institute in England. The first scheme, we think, is more likely to meet with acceptance, as being one that will provide a local memorial of the Jubilee and will, at the same time be a personal compliment to Her Majesty. As has been pointed out by some of our correspondents, there is not a statue or even a bust of the Queen in this city named after her, and the only portrait in one of Government House, which is a miserable daub and of course seldom seen. It would not do, of course, to erect a statue unless sufficient funds were subscribed to purchase good ones, and, bearing in mind that this is an Oriental Colony, it should represent Her Majesty in regal robes. If possible, the statue should be under a handsome canopy, and in short be of such a character as to impress the Oriental mind with a sense of the dignity and grandeur of the Queen Empress. A great deal will, however, depend upon the amount subscribed, and perhaps it would be as well—if this could be arranged—to render the form of the memorial should take subject to the amount contributed. There are no suggestions, but they may possibly assist the residents in coming to a conclusion. The advocates of that much-needed institution, a good educational establishment for the girls of the Colony will no doubt again bring forward their proposal, and some other plan may be laid before the meeting. Whatever is decided upon, we trust will this time secure unanimity, so that all may work heartily together to the end that the occasion may be fittingly commemorated in this small but important dependency of the Crown.

THE NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY OF HONGKONG.

The acceptance by the Hon. FREDERICK STEWART of the post of Colonial Secretary of Hongkong has given great and general satisfaction to the community. Dr. STEWART arrived in this Colony in 1861 to assume the posts of Inspector of Schools and Head Master of the Central School, during his tenure of which he did much to promote the cause of education, and made himself universally respected. From this position he was transferred to the Police Magistracy, and in 1863, upon the elevation of the Hon. J. B. Russell, to the Bench, he was appointed Registrar-General. Dr. STEWART has also, on several occasions, and twice for long periods, acted as Colonial Secretary, has discharged the duties of that post with great credit to himself, and has evidently won high approval in Downing Street. Few men in a public position have made more friends and fewer enemies than Dr. STEWART, whose kindly courtesy, gentlemanly feeling, and utter absence of all self-seeking have disarmed antagonism and left little room for censure. It is not often that a good appointment in a Crown Colony is so judiciously awarded as on this occasion, and credit is due to the Government for the recognition of sterling merit and conscientious labour. Too often such appointments are made through home influence without regard to the wishes of the community concerned, the result being that an unscrupulous stranger, whose experience would perhaps be valuable elsewhere but is of little use in his new sphere, is pitted forward into a colony to adjust his angularities as best he may to the round billet provided for him. Happily for Hongkong, it has escaped this risk, and the wheels of the Secretariat will go on steadily working guided by the same calm, skilful hand which for the past fifteen months has directed the Department. The rise of Dr. STEWART to a high position in the Civil Service is a striking proof of the fact that genuine merit must eventually find recognition. Despite a native modesty that rendered him shrinking averse to putting himself forward, Dr. STEWART has been brought to the front almost in spite of himself, and elevated at length to a position of conspicuous honour. His natural abilities will enable him to adorn it, and we trust he

will give them free play by abandoning some of that reserve which has perhaps hitherto not sat ungracefully upon him. The new Colonial Secretary is a sagacious man, who has studied men as well as books, but he dearly likes retirement among the latter after hours of work. Perforce, he will in future have to come a little more out of his shell, and more frequently grace the society in which by mental gifts and amiability he is so well fitted to shine, for the learned doctor will be sure to be well received for some time, Dr. STEWART, we may be sure, will know how to maintain the dignity of the Queen's Representative, whenever the time comes, as thoroughly as he has that of Colonial Secretary, which, it is to be hoped, he may represent for many years to come. When congratulating Dr. STEWART on his promotion, we must also congratulate the Colony on retaining in its service so well tried and pain-taking an official.

THE PROPOSED LIGHTHOUSE ON GAP ROCK.

The question put at the meeting of the Legislative Council by the Hon. A. P. MAC-EWEN respecting the proposed Lighthouse on Gap Rock was a timely one, and we are now, as a consequence, in possession of the correspondence on the subject, which it must be confessed, is not satisfactory in its conclusion. The despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 12th Feb., acknowledging receipt of Mr. MASON's dispatch and enclosure, is eminently disappointing. Either Sir HENRY HOLLAND has given a very cursory examination of the Acting Governor's despatch and note to the letter of the Chamber of Commerce—the consequence being that he failed to notice that the shipowners are willing to fix a large proportion of the cost of the proposed Lighthouse—or else he is unwilling that the surplus revenue derived from the Light should be applied to its legitimate purpose.

After giving his opinion that, owing to the number of the shipowners, works at present in course of construction in Hongkong, it would not be advisable that the work should be carried out at present, and suggesting that the subject should be considered in connection with the Estimates for 1888, he says:—

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HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Splendid weather favoured these sports, which took place on Saturday afternoon, the 2nd April, on the Cricket Ground. There was a large gathering of spectators, and a good many ladies put in an appearance during the afternoon. The Acting Governor and Mrs. MASON were present. Great credit is due to Mr. Haydar, the Hon. Secretary, for the satisfactory manner in which the necessary arrangements were carried out and to the following gentlemen who acted on the Committee:—Messrs. C. S. Barff, G. S. Coxon, A. Denison, H. F. Foss, M. D. Graham, J. Grant, F. A. Haszard, K. K. Lawrie, W. A. M. Mac-Elroy, E. G. Mac-Elroy, J. H. M. Mac-Elroy, H. H. Stewart, H. M. Thompson, A. K. Trotter, and to Messrs. J. Grant (Clerk of the Course); W. H. Young (Starter); W. M. Deane, Major Ellis, and Mr. G. Grimes (Judge); F. Crawford Kent (Referee), and W. M. B. Arthur (Official Time-keeper).

There were a good number of entries for nearly every event, but only a small proportion of these came to the mark. In some cases, the first place was filled, but in others, only two entries, or even one, were received for some time. Dr. STEWART, we may be sure, will know how to maintain the dignity of the Queen's Representative, whenever the time comes, as thoroughly as he has that of Colonial Secretary, which, it is to be hoped, he may represent for many years to come. When congratulating Dr. STEWART on his promotion, we must also congratulate the Colony on retaining in its service so well tried and pain-taking an official.

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The acceptance by the Hon. FREDERICK STEWART of the post of Colonial Secretary of Hongkong has given great and general satisfaction to the community. Dr. STEWART arrived in this Colony in 1861 to assume the posts of Inspector of Schools and Head Master of the Central School, during his tenure of which he did much to promote the cause of education, and made himself universally respected. From this position he was transferred to the Police Magistracy, and in 1863, upon the elevation of the Hon. J. B. Russell, to the Bench, he was appointed Registrar-General. Dr. STEWART has also, on several occasions, and twice for long periods, acted as Colonial Secretary, has discharged the duties of that post with great credit to himself, and has evidently won high approval in Downing Street. Few men in a public position have made more friends and fewer enemies than Dr. STEWART, whose kindly courtesy, gentlemanly feeling, and utter absence of all self-seeking have disarmed antagonism and left little room for censure. It is not often that a good appointment in a Crown Colony is so judiciously awarded as on this occasion, and credit is due to the Government for the recognition of sterling merit and conscientious labour. Too often such appointments are made through home influence without regard to the wishes of the community concerned, the result being that an unscrupulous stranger, whose experience would perhaps be valuable elsewhere but is of little use in his new sphere, is pitted forward into a colony to adjust his angularities as best he may to the round billet provided for him. Happily for Hongkong, it has escaped this risk, and the wheels of the Secretariat will go on steadily working guided by the same calm, skilful hand which for the past fifteen months has directed the Department. The rise of Dr. STEWART to a high position in the Civil Service is a striking proof of the fact that genuine merit must eventually find recognition. Despite a native modesty that rendered him shrinking averse to putting himself forward, Dr. STEWART has been brought to the front almost in spite of himself, and elevated at length to a position of conspicuous honour. His natural abilities will enable him to adorn it, and we trust he

gained a little ground, but he was so hopelessly behind that his efforts were futile. Haydar, who when he had covered about half the distance, saw that the race was almost a certainty for him, did not extend himself, and hence the time was not so good as might have been, had the race been a closer contest. Time, 9min. 56sec.

H. F. Haydar..... 1

7.30 p.m.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—

—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 10 yards for first win, and 30 additional for a succeeding win. Prizes presented by the Ladies.

Winner at last meeting, W. Pike. 98 yards, 1 foot, 6 inches.

Three competed—J. H. McGarry, F. H. O. Wilson, W. B. Robertson (penalised 5 yards).

Wilson was the first to throw and Robertson distanced him by about 10 yards. McGarry was some distance behind either. In the next trial, Robertson led by about one yard. When the first was unable to equal his distance, he was easily beaten, this winning by about 5 yards. As Wilson had Robertson on about 10 yards, he was overtaken by him, and was then beaten, this winning by about 5 yards. The last was taken by Robertson, who gradually increased the distance and won by about 10 yards. Time, 5min. 100 yards.

H. F. Wilson..... 1

W. B. Robertson..... 2

J. H. McGarry..... 3

The following started—H. F. Thompson, E. Shepherd, C. H. Holworthy, F. Grimes, C. E. Holworthy, S. D. Dicks, and A. B. H. Drew.

Holworthy led Thompson the remainder home, and drew the last to be penalised 10 yards. Prizes presented by the Hongkong Cricket Club.

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H. F. Wilson..... 1

W. B. Robertson..... 2

J. H. McGarry..... 3

The following were the competitors—H. A. Powell, R.A., (penalised 30 yards); Whitehead, (penalised 30 yards); Gundu Sing (penalised 20 yards); W. B. Abramson (penalised 20 yards); S. G. Hayes; W. B. Brannell; A. Stearns; E. S. Foss; G. Deerman; F. D. Caldwell; C. H. Jackson; E. A. Lloyd; C. E. Holworthy; F. Grimes; C. H. Holworthy; S. D. Dicks; and A. B. H. Drew (25 yards).

The following entered—F. Hasland, J. D. Anderson, C. W. Babington, B. M. Braga, A. B. H. Drew, G. Grimes.

Immediately after the firing of the pistol, Grimes and Babington came to the fore, and the interest of the race centred in them. Just before the start was overtaken by the third, and the fourth by the fifth. The race was at first very fast, and the men gradually worked to the fore, and at one time it looked as though the fourth would be the winner. The last lap was covered the man began to tire, and the number was at last reduced to two. The third and fourth were then overtaken by the fifth, and the race was at last won by the fifth. The following was the result of the race:—

E. B. Shepherd..... 1

H. F. Thompson..... 2

A. B. H. Drew..... 3

20.45 p.m.—CONVERSATION RACE.—

—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 10 yards for first win, and 30 additional for a succeeding win. Prizes presented by Dr. Foss.

The following entered—F. Hasland, J. D. Anderson, C. W. Babington, B. M. Braga, A. B. H. Drew, G. Grimes.

Immediately after the firing of the pistol, Grimes and Babington came to the fore, and the interest of the race centred in them. Just before the start was overtaken by the third, and the fourth by the fifth. The race was at first very fast, and the men gradually worked to the fore, and at one time it looked as though the fourth would be the winner. The last lap was covered the man began to tire, and the number was at last reduced to two. The third and fourth were then overtaken by the fifth, and the race was at last won by the fifth. The following was the result of the race:—

H. A. Powell..... 1

E. B. Shepherd..... 2

W. B. Robertson..... 3

21.15 p.m.—INTERNATIONAL TWO-OF-WAR.—

—Trial Heats.—Men a side. Nationality to be decided by that of the father. To be pulled over 15 feet. No spikes or nails allowed.

Prizes must be pulled against scratch teams. No holes to be dug in the ground before starting.

Prizes presented by the Parsee Community.

ENGLISH TEAM v. IRISH TEAM.

The following were the competitors—H. A. Powell, R.A., (penalised 30 yards); Gundu Sing (penalised 20 yards); W. B. Abramson (penalised 20 yards); S. G. Hayes; W. B. Brannell; A. Stearns; E. S. Foss; G. Deerman; F. D. Caldwell; C. H. Jackson; E. A. Lloyd; C. E. Holworthy; F. Grimes.

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